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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 24, 2006, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 5, 2008, the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 10, 2009, and the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 14, 2010, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 citing additional documents. These documents were cited during the prosecution of commonly-owned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/728,988.

WO 2005/033353 is the published International patent application for the above-identified application (published as *U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0042218*), which was cited as a reference to reject claims in the co-pending '988 application.

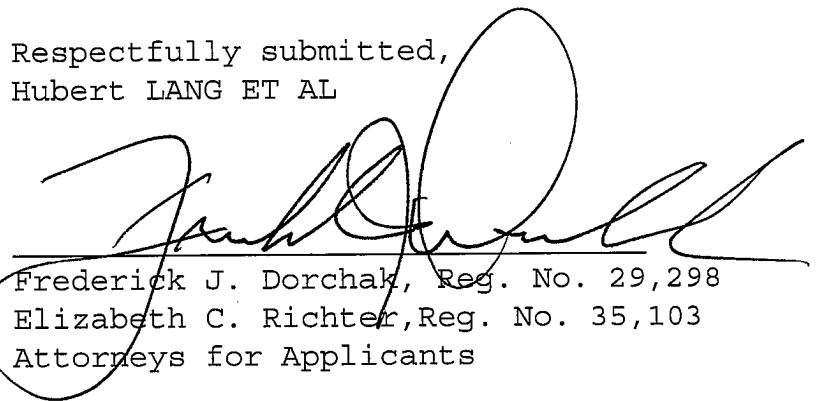
*U.S. Patent No. 5,045,405* is believed to be the English-language equivalent of *EP 0 300 993*; *U.S. Patent No. 6,235,405* is believed to be the English-language equivalent of *DE 100 09 868*; *U.S. Patent No. 6,309,759* is believed to be the English-language equivalent of *DE 100 32 624*; *U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0202887* is believed to be the English-language equivalent of *DE 10 2004 015 827*; *U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0031684* is believed to be the English-language equivalent of *DE 197 28 777*; and *U.S. Patent No. 4,904,362* is believed to be the English-language equivalent of *EP 0 300 905*. Copies of the U.S. Patent documents are not enclosed pursuant to current U.S. Patent and Trademark Office guidelines.

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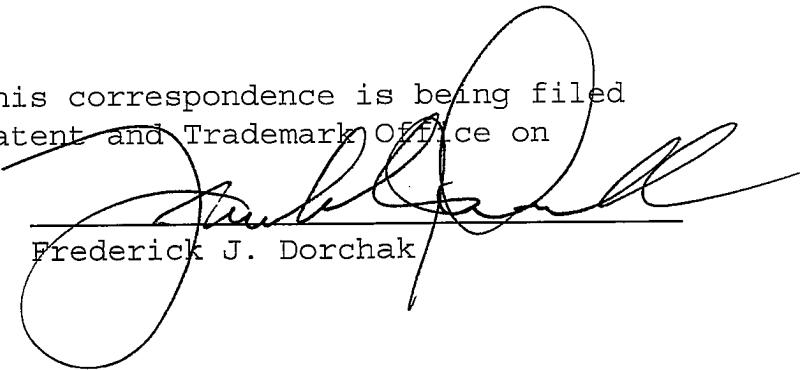
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Form PTO-1449 with eleven (11) documents

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